

REMARKS

Claims 1-44 are pending. No amendments have been made by way of the present submission, thus, no new matter has been added.

Unity of Invention

The Examiner has requested that Applicant elects a single group of claims from the following two groups of claims.

Group I, claims 1-30, drawn to image transfer sheet; and

Group II, claims 31-44, drawn to a process of transferring an image.

The Examiner asserts that the inventions listed as Groups I and II do not relate to a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1, because, under PCT Rule 13.2, they lack the same or corresponding special technical features. Applicant respectfully traverses.

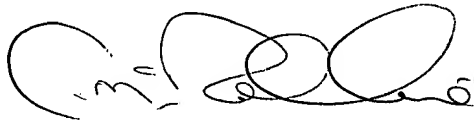
In order to be fully responsive to the outstanding requirement, Applicant hereby elects Group I, directed to claims 1-30. In the event that allowable subject matter is found for the product claims 1-30, Applicants remind the Examiner that the process of using claims 31-44, which include all of the limitations of the allowable product, should be rejoined.

If the Examiner has any questions or comments, please contact Craig A. McRobbie, Registration No. 42,874 at the offices of Birch, Stewart, Kolasch & Birch, LLP.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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